

ASPIRATION, COMPASSION, COMMUNITY, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT & FAITH



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TO LEARN TOGETHER AND GROW
IN GOD'S LOVE

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Congratulations to our authors in Year 5, we are very proud of you.

This week there were so many children late for school. Please can every effort be made to get your children on time for school. The school gate opens at 8.40 and the gate closes at 8.50.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Long

As a school we aim for pupils to achieve 100% attendance or as close as possible. Evidence shows strong attendance directly links to a child achieving their full potential. Through working together, we can ensure that your child receives a full-time education, through regular and structured attendance.

While it is understandable that there may be a number of legitimate reasons why your child's attendance may be affected, it remains essential that all children attend school as often as possible and are not absent for minor coughs and colds.

Keeping attendance above 95% allows pupils to achieve their potential.



School success starts
with attendance

Winners last week

Year 5 – 97.7%

School attendance last

Week 88.6%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd May - school closed. School is being used as a polling station

Thursday 9th May – 8.40am-9.10am EYFS & KS1 parents reading

**Thursday 9th May – 9.30am Whole School Mass
Ascension of Jesus. All welcome**

Monday 20th May – Tempest Photographers in for class photos.

This year the children in year 5 were given the opportunity to take part in a young writers competition called 'Crazy Creatures'. Seven children returned their stories which we submitted. All seven entries made the cut and we now have seven published authors! Congratulations to Chloe, Isabella, Freda, Esther, Daanya, Olivia and Carolina.

Miss Lopez



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This Week

Ryan – Y6

Phoenix – Y2

Ifu – Rec

George – Y6

Harry H – Y1

Rayyan - Rec

Attendance

If your child is absent from school please inform the school office either by telephone or email

support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk

If your child seeks GP appointment please email a photo of any medication prescribed. Thank you for your support.



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SCHOOLS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Order your child's school uniform online click <https://tinyurl.com/2twar97a>

St Joseph's School Prayer

Heavenly Father -

Let us aim to be the very best we can be, at all times.

May St Joseph's be full of happiness.

Fill our hearts with love, respect and compassion for all who are part of our school, local and global community.

Help us to make good choices, and guide us in understanding when we don't.

Let us remember, in learning together, we grow together and succeed together, in God's love.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 28th April 2024



Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."

Adapted from John 15:1-8
The 5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Rainbow Awards

26th April 2024

Rec – Harper, Adrian

Year 1 – Thessy, Ava

Year 2 – Kamilla, Levi

Year 3 – Jemima, Sadie

Year 4 – Ava-Mae, Chiagozie

Year 5 – Rawan, Millie

Year 6 – Katerine, Veenil

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/enthusiasm?pid=MTA101634&v=120.4> Click link to read more.

Attendance Matters... Every Minute Counts

Minutes late per day or Early out per day	Learning time lost In a year
5 minutes	2.09 days
10 minutes	4.20 days
15 minutes	6.17 days
20 minutes	8.40 days
30 minutes	12.59 days
60 minutes	25.19 days

Pupils late week 15th April
– 19th April 2024

YR	11
Y1	12
Y2	11
Y3	12
Y4	9
Y5	3
Y6	12

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Summer Census Day 16th May – if your child usually has packed lunch and you would like them to have a lunch (above menu), please contact office via support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk and book no later than Friday 10th May.



St George's Day 2024

Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit. Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

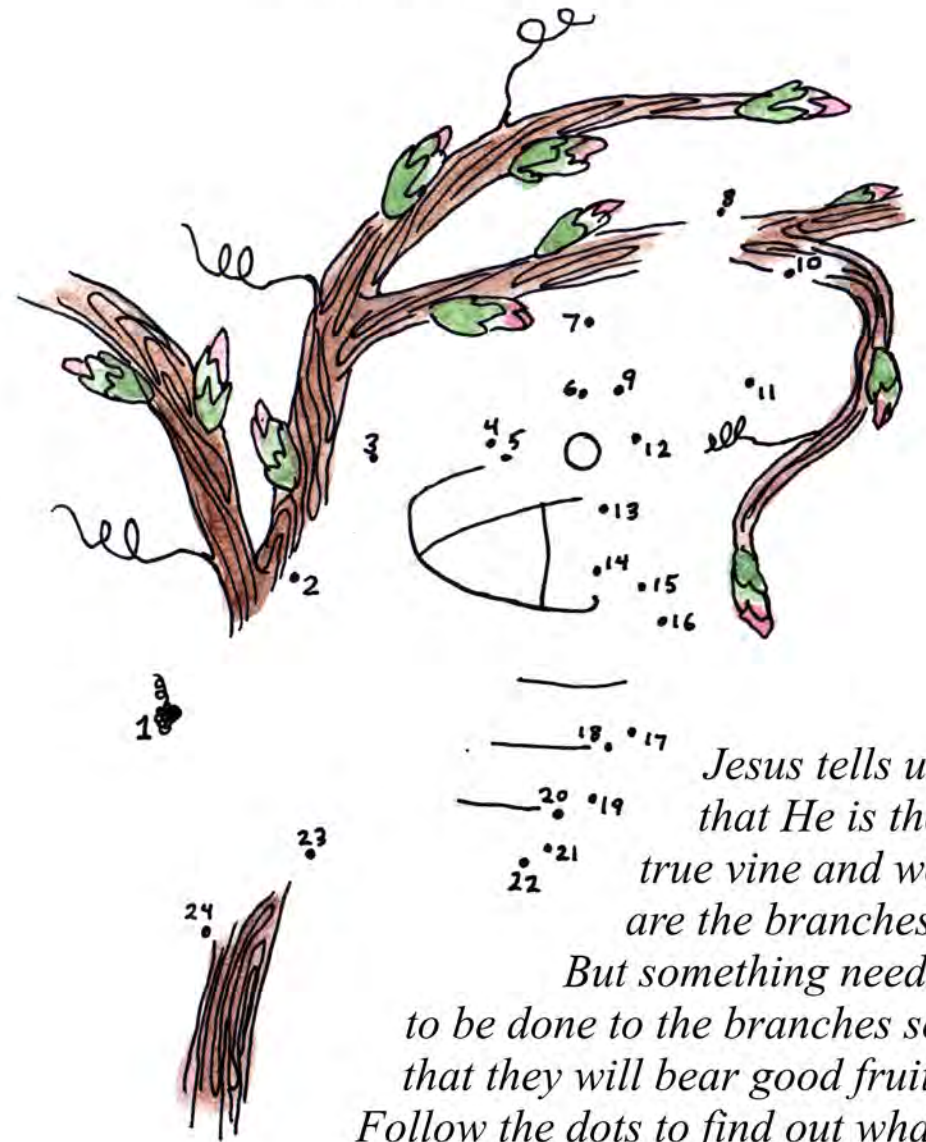
Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



Answers to True or False: 1.true 2.true 3.true 4.true 5.false 6.true 7.false

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28th, 2024

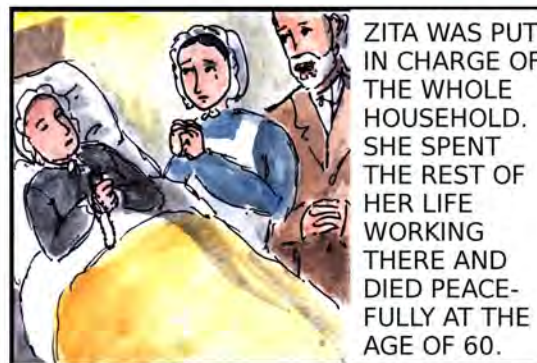


Jesus tells us
that He is the
true vine and we
are the branches.

But something needs
to be done to the branches so
that they will bear good fruit.
Follow the dots to find out what
it is. (Start at the little grapes!)

Saint Zita

April 30



SAINT ZITA IS THE PATRON SAINT OF HOUSEKEEPING. WHEN THE OTHER SERVANTS OR THE FATINELLIS WERE MEAN TO HER, SHE OFFERED UP HER SUFFERINGS TO GOD. WHEN THEY BEGAN TO RESPECT HER, SHE WORKED JUST AS HARD AND REMAINED HUMBLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO WORK WELL, FOR GOD!

SAINT PAUL: TRUE OR FALSE

How much do you know about Saint Paul when he first became a Christian?

1. Saint Paul's name used to be Saul. True or false?
2. Before his conversion, Saint Paul hated the Christians. True or false?
3. The disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of Paul when he first came. True or false?
4. Barnabas told the other Christians that Saint Paul had seen our Lord on the way to Damascus. True or false?
5. It took a long time before Saint Paul began to speak about Jesus in public. True or false?
6. When Saint Paul told some people about Jesus, they tried to kill him. True or false?
7. The other disciples would not let Saint Paul travel around to preach about Jesus. True or false?

Don't forget to check your answers on the back page!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

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